

MANY MILLIONS REQUIRED

Estimates of Deficiencies in Government Appropriations.

The Largest Amount Asked Is for the War Department—The Modest Request of the District—Needs of the Library of Congress—Items Included in Secretary Gage's Report.

An estimate has been submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, of deficiencies in appropriations received from the various departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, and for prior years, the sum total amounting to \$20,265,273.57. Additional estimates have been received by the Appropriations Committee, which will bring the amount up to nearly \$37,000,000, in round numbers. It is probable that the deficiency bill will have been prepared by the time the Appropriations Committee meets on January 3, and will be submitted to Congress at an early date.

The largest item in the estimate is \$15,527,131 for the War Department, of which sum \$20,000,000 is required for transportation of the army and its supplies; \$7,723,844 for the pay of enlisted men, including the 20 per cent war increase; \$1,608,000 for travel allowance to enlisted men on discharge; and \$2,800,000 for subsistence of the army. The sum of \$18,500 is specified as the amount required for the construction of a railroad house and administration and instruction building at the Signal Corps post at Fort Myer, Va.

Next to the War Department estimate in point of size comes that of the Navy Department, which amounts to \$1,137,740. Of this sum \$200,000 is required for transportation and repair of vessels, and \$500,000 for their equipment. The Navy Department also asks \$44,750 for the installation of an electric light plant.

The Treasury Department asks for \$1,715,000 of, of which \$1,000,000 is for the collection of the revenue from customs. The deficiency in the Treasury Department is estimated at only \$3,200, of which sum \$5,000 is for the reconstruction of the Treasury Building, and \$2,500 for the salaries of employees in the office of the District Surveyor. In the matter of the Library of Congress Secretary Gage says:

"The sum appropriated June 30, 1898, was insufficient to permit the building to be constructed, and the building is now in the process of being completed. The present building should be replaced at the earliest possible date to avoid danger to its occupants. It is estimated that the cost of the new building, including the cost of the furniture, is \$1,000,000. In addition to the amount already appropriated, \$100,000 is required to erect the new building and to equip it."

Of the Surveyor General's Office, the work in this office has required the force to be practically doubled, and an appropriation of \$2,500, in addition to the amount already appropriated, is required to avoid serious embarrassment to the real estate and building interests of the District.

The Library of Congress needs an additional appropriation for money expended beyond the regular amount authorized by the last appropriation bill. Secretary Gage states from the report of the Surveyor General, that the amount of money expended beyond the regular amount authorized by the last appropriation bill, is \$1,000,000. The amount of service which the Library has thus had the benefit of during the past two years has fallen short of the estimation of Congress by the above two sums, amounting in all to \$1,000,000.

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BEARS ON BROOKLYN RAPID.

A Conspiracy to Depreciate the Stock Suspected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—To show what the result has been to the action of the board of directors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company in offering a reward of \$25,000 for information that will lead to the discovery and conviction of any person who has been guilty of making false statements about the financial condition of the company, William F. Sheehan, of counsel for the company, gave out the following statement today:

"Taylor, a broker and son-in-law of Mr. Keene, was today served with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury on Wednesday next, presumably in connection with the false rumors in circulation about the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company."

"Mr. Taylor was yesterday surprised at being served, and explained to Mr. Cole, who served the subpoena."

"Why I have a pull in the District Attorney's office, I had Mr. Gray, one of the Assistant District Attorneys, appointed. This is very annoying."

"Mr. Cole is a clerk in the law office of Sheehan & Coffin. When asked about the subpoena at his home tonight, Mr. Taylor said that it was a subpoena, and that he had not the slightest idea of the meaning of it. Neither does my manager, Mr. Jones, know anything about it," added Mr. Taylor.

"What Jones is that?" was asked.

"Why, Edward D. Jones," Taylor replied. "They accuse him of having said Brooklyn Rapid Transit was selling the bonds of a receiver. He's got a subpoena, too."

Manager Jones said at the office of Talbot & Taylor & Co. that he had heard some of the rumors, but did not know who had said them, and that he was not a part of the conspiracy. He said that he was not a part of the conspiracy, and that he was not a part of the conspiracy.

"We have been heavily short on the stock and have made lots of money. We have been hearing it all the way down town, and we are advising our customers to sell."

"Did you begin to take a special interest in it about the time of the strike?" was asked.

"Yes, about then; perhaps a little before. All the way down from 115, it was away down where it belonged, and was a great stock sell. But we were practically out of it now. I covered my last 200 shares yesterday. I don't believe that we are 500 short in my whole office. We covered about 200 shares four or five days ago, and that practically wound us up. Jones is not short. I don't believe he is short a share. So you see neither he nor any one else in the office would have any objection to clearing the story. Mr. Keene is not short."

THE W. M. RAILROAD SALE.

Correspondence Between Mr. Hayes and the New York Syndicate.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Mayor Hayes received a letter this morning from James K. Kitchen, who has been acting as the agent for the New York syndicate which was to be one of the bidders in case the Western Maryland Railroad was sold. He asks for further news from the mayor, and complains over the change in the direction of the railroad, which he hoped might result in the city's seeing its way clear to sell.

Mr. Kitchen also wrote of the plans of the syndicate, as if they had already been matured. He said that from investigation into the matter he had learned that the syndicate was about \$2,000,000 in the Western Maryland Railroad, as it exists at present, into shape to handle increased business.

Mr. Kitchen also expressed the fear of the members of the syndicate that the city would not be able to give a clear title to the real estate, inasmuch as the contracts with the Library are subject to no claim whatever, and it seems only fair that the purpose of making it in part that the control of the Library over them should be retained and that they should become available in the form of a deficiency item.

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THE WAR REVENUE TAXES

Representative Russell Hopes the Law Will Soon Be Revised.

Many Industries Handicapped by Its Present Terms—The Attitude of the Beer Producers—A Lobby Said to Be Maintained Here by the Large Brewing Concerns of the Country.

A revision of the war revenue law may be attempted during the present session of Congress. Representative Russell of Connecticut, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and prominently identified with internal revenue legislation, says that he hopes the state of the revenues will continue to satisfactory that Congress, before this session is over, will decide to revise the law.

He believes that there could be some advance agreement as to the lines in which corrections should be made. The one thing which he is working for first is the removal of the tax on the alcohol used in the arts. A system of administration could easily be devised, he thinks, which would avoid the difficulties that have heretofore been raised against free alcohol.

The present tax, internal revenue officers maintain, is far above the revenue point. It is so high that it defeats its own purpose, besides handicapping severely many American industries. Russell says he wants provision made for a rebate on the alcohol used in proprietary preparations which are exported.

The export tax is of somewhat varied inconvenience. Along the Eastern seaboard, and to an extent in Chicago, more complaint is made of this tax than anywhere else in the country as a whole. However, there is not so much complaint as with the patent medicine stamps, for example. A strong effort will be made to have these proprietary stamps removed, and the large concerns which make these articles will be able to put up a strong fight in their behalf. It is said that taxes are not levied upon the sale of medicine, and simple, but rather in accordance with the degree of pressure. The payers of some taxes are in a position to make their influence felt in Congress, those upon whom other taxes fall are wholly at the mercy of the lawmakers.

A good case in point is the beer tax. Representative Russell of Connecticut has introduced a bill for the repeal of the beer feature of the war revenue act, and it is acknowledged that he has a very strong combination behind him. The evidence of Russell is that he has a very strong combination behind him. The evidence of Russell is that he has a very strong combination behind him.

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TO SIFT FRAUD CHARGES

Methods of the Notorious Dean Company to Be Aired Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The case of the Dean Company of New York against James B. Killebrew, Samuel Keller, and Myron L. Bernat, each charged under three indictments with grand larceny in the first degree, will be called for trial in the Court of General Sessions immediately upon the conclusion of the Mollweide case. A special panel of 500 telegrams has already been made from which to select the jury. William M. K. Olcott has been commissioned a special district attorney to try the case for the people, and he will be assisted by Frederick B. Bard, who represents the creditors of the concern, and who is in the office of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne. Vernon M. Davis will appear for the defendants, assisted by Abraham Levy. It is only recently and by confessions of certain persons under indictment that the evidence needed to complete the case for the people was obtained.

The case involves the guilt or innocence of the men who are alleged to have made away with the largest part of the receipts of the notorious E. S. Dean Company. Under the three indictments, in each of which there are eight counts, seven charging grand larceny and one charging conspiracy, each of the defendants is charged with stealing all 1922 \$136,400. Before the trial is over the prosecution expects to show just how much this concern obtained from proceeds of the United States, about how much each of the defendants took as his share, and, in general way, what became of the money.

The trial promises to be especially interesting in view of the close connection between the E. S. Dean Company and a reputable firm of brokers in Wall Street, and before the case goes to the jury the prosecution may introduce testimony to the effect that as large an amount as \$200,000 has been offered to Mr. Olcott in the past few months to induce him to consent to the discharge of his own responsibility, on one of the defendants not only to keep the defendants out of state prison, but to prevent certain revelations in the trial.

Some time ago Myron L. Bernat, connected with the Dean Company, was indicted for the same offense as the other defendants, but he was willing to tell all he knew about the Dean Company, providing he was treated leniently by the prosecution. He was permitted to make a statement, and in some way or another, it is said, Keller and Keller heard of it. Bernat's bondsmen surrendered him and he was locked up in the Tombs, where he remained until a few days ago, when he succeeded in getting new bondsmen. Keller and Keller deny that they had anything to do with inducing Bernat's bondsmen to surrender him.

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THE DEAD OF THE MAINE

Many Bodies Will Be Sent to Relatives and Friends.

The Unclaimed and Unidentified Will Be Interred at Arlington in the Presence of the President and Members of the Cabinet—Arrangements for Receiving the Remains.

Arrangements have been made by Assistant Secretary Allen to ship the remains of some of the victims of the Maine disaster to friends and relatives for private burial. The bodies are en route from Havana to Hampton Roads on the battleship Texas, which left Havana Thursday. Persons desiring to claim the bodies of their friends or relatives must have their applications on file at the Navy Department not later than Tuesday, stating the railroad station to which they desire the remains shipped. The Government will pay the expense of transporting the bodies to the railroad station designated, where they must be received by those claiming them and the expenses of interment borne by the claimants.

When the Maine was destroyed the friends and relatives of those who were killed desired to claim the bodies, but the exigencies of the then pending war made it impossible for the Government to bring the remains to this country, and the